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H.B. No. 2662

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring a personal financial literacy credit for graduation under the recommended and advanced high school programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 28.002(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Each school district that offers kindergarten through grade 12 shall offer, as a required curriculum:

(1) a foundation curriculum that includes:

(A) English language arts;

(B) mathematics;

(C) science; and

(D) social studies, consisting of Texas, United States, and world history, government, economics, with emphasis on the free enterprise system and its benefits, ~~and~~ geography, and personal financial literacy; and

(2) an enrichment curriculum that includes:

(A) to the extent possible, languages other than English;

(B) health, with emphasis on the importance of proper nutrition and exercise;

(C) physical education;

(D) fine arts;

(E) career and technology education;

1 (F) technology applications; and

2 (G) religious literature, including the Hebrew
3 Scriptures (Old Testament) and New Testament, and its impact on
4 history and literature.

5 SECTION 2. Section 28.0021(b), Education Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (b) Each school district and each open-enrollment charter
8 school that offers a high school program shall provide to a student
9 instruction in personal financial literacy in any course meeting
10 the requirements for a social studies [~~an economics~~] credit under
11 Section 28.025, using materials approved by the State Board of
12 Education. The instruction in personal financial literacy must
13 include instruction on completing the application for federal
14 student aid provided by the United States Department of
15 Education. In fulfilling the requirement to provide financial
16 literacy instruction under this section, a school district or
17 open-enrollment charter school may use an existing state, federal,
18 private, or nonprofit program that provides students without charge
19 the instruction described under this section. [~~Each district and
20 each open-enrollment charter school that offers a high school
21 program shall ensure that a district or charter school student
22 enrolled at an institution of higher education in a dual credit
23 course meeting the requirements for an economics credit under
24 Section 28.025 receives the instruction described under this
25 subsection.~~]

26 SECTION 3. Section 28.025(b-1), Education Code, is amended
27 to read as follows:

1 (b-1) The State Board of Education by rule shall require
2 that:

3 (1) except as provided by Subsection (b-2), the
4 curriculum requirements for the recommended and advanced high
5 school programs under Subsection (a) include a requirement that
6 students successfully complete:

7 (A) four credits in each subject of the
8 foundation curriculum under Section 28.002(a)(1), including at
9 least one-half credit in government, ~~and~~ at least one-half credit
10 in economics, and at least one-half credit in personal financial
11 literacy under Section 28.0021, to meet the social studies
12 requirement;

13 (B) for the recommended high school program, two
14 credits in the same language in a language other than English under
15 Section 28.002(a)(2)(A) and, for the advanced high school program,
16 three credits in the same language in a language other than English
17 under Section 28.002(a)(2)(A); and

18 (C) for the recommended high school program, six
19 elective credits and, for the advanced high school program, five
20 elective credits;

21 (2) one or more credits offered in the required
22 curriculum for the recommended and advanced high school programs
23 include a research writing component; and

24 (3) the curriculum requirements for the minimum,
25 recommended, and advanced high school programs under Subsection (a)
26 include a requirement that students successfully complete:

27 (A) one credit in fine arts under Section

1 28.002(a)(2)(D); and

2 (B) except as provided by Subsection (b-11), one
3 credit in physical education under Section 28.002(a)(2)(C).

4 SECTION 4. Sections 28.0021(b) and 28.025(b-1), Education
5 Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to students entering the
6 ninth grade during the 2013-2014 school year or a later school year.
7 For students entering a grade above ninth grade during the
8 2013-2014 school year, Sections 28.0021(b) and 28.025(b-1),
9 Education Code, as those sections existed before amendment by this
10 Act, apply, and those sections are continued in effect for that
11 purpose.

12 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.